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DAKOTA FROM MANILA MISSING

SWIFT ON THE HEELS OF THE R.A.F. DAKOTA CRASH NORTH OF HAINAN, MANILA WAS YES. TODAY SENDING OUT S.O.S. MESSAGES TO HONG KONG AND CANTON ASKING FOR INFORMATION REGARDING A C-7 DAKOTA BELONGING TO THE UNITED STATES ARMY AIR FORCE WHICH APPEARS TO BE MISSING AFTER SETTING OUT FROM MANILA ON A FLIGHT TO HONG KONG, CANTON AND SHANGHAI.

MRS. ELEANOR ROOSEVELT'S FORMULA

London, Jan. 8. Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, member of the United Nations Delegation to the United Nations Assembly, declared today that the atomic bomb has "sharpened the conscience of peoples all over the world to the responsibilities of the United Nations Organisation."

"Success is not something we can just have for," she told a news conference. "It is something we have to work for with everything we have."

The widow of the late President said that she hoped the Press of the world would dedicate itself to informing the peoples of the world about the Organisation in a manner that would encourage them to support their delegations and demand universal peace.

Meanwhile, Senator Tom Connally became the key American figure for the committee phase of the Assembly which opens on Thursday. He will represent the United States on the Assembly's Political and Security Committee, which will have jurisdiction over the problem of atomic control.

Associated Press.

Washington, Jan. 8. After nine busy days at home, U.S. Secretary of State James Byrnes leaves today for London to attend the United Nations General Assembly and to tackle world problems. Included in Byrnes' objectives are the following:

(1) An international agreement on the Dardanelles question, thus to improve Russo-Turkish relations;

(2) Agreement for a Soviet-British-American Commission to study the complicated problems of oil-rich Iran;

(3) British and Russian assurances that "full security" will be granted in operations of the United Nations atomic energy commission.

Since returning from Moscow, Byrnes' activities included resumption of talks with Siam after cancelling the war-ending agreement between Britain and Siam and studying reports from General Marshall with regard to probability of an early end to China's civil war and wood possibility for agreement at last between the Nationalists and Communists.—Associated Press.

ANTI-CATHOLIC ACTIVITY IN POLAND

Chicago, Jan. 8. The Reverend Aloysius Wycisko, Catholic priest recently returned from Poland, declared today that the Pope's name cannot be mentioned in the Catholic pulp or in the press of Poland.

He said that Catholic priests and bishops had told him that "they could not say what they pleased in the Church"—Associated Press.

Tokyo, Jan. 8. General MacArthur's Headquarters today said that Secretary of War Patterson plans to go to Manila "about the middle of next week." Headquarters said he was scheduled to go to Tokyo on Saturday or Sunday and then proceed to Shanghai and then Manila.

Associated Press.

LONDONDERRY SCIENTIST SAYS: Russians Have A Better Atomic Bomb

LONDONDERRY, JAN. 8. DOCTOR RAPHAEL E. G. ARMATTOE TODAY SAID RUSSIA HAD DEVELOPED AN ATOM BOMB WHICH RENDERS THE AMERICAN ATOM BOMB OBSOLETE.

Armatoe, who is director of the research centre here for anthropology and human biology, asserted that the purported Russian bomb will be manufactured on a "mass production basis."

He said the bomb was about as large as a tennis ball, had an horizontal pulverisation range of 53 miles and a vertical lift of more than 62,100 miles. He stated the temperature generated was several million degrees centigrade. He said the "destructive character of the Anglo-American bomb depends upon the degree of the size of the uranium."

He added that the Russian bomb develops its force by spin or angular motion making it more applicable for engineering work.

Atomic bomb experts in Washington declined to make any direct comment on the report of the Londonderry scientist.

They pointed out that considerable testing had been given recently to the effect that even with knowledge of such production it will be several years before any other nation could produce the atomic bomb. Associated Press.

WEISSKOPF SCEPTICAL

New York, Jan. 8. The "N.Y. Herald Tribune" today said Doctor Victor F. Weisskopf, theoretical physicist intimately associated with the construction of the atom bomb, commented in Cambridge that the Londonderry report of the development of a new atom bomb by Russian scientists sounded "like a lot of foolishness."

He was quoted as saying it was absolutely impossible to derive as much energy from so small quantity of uranium as suggested by Doctor Armatoe.—Associated Press.

CHUNGKING ACCORD EXPECTED TO-DAY

CHUNGKING, JAN. 8. THE CHINESE PRESS TODAY PREDICTED THAT "CEASE FIRE" ORDERS IN CHINA'S CIVIL STRIFE WOULD BE ISSUED BY THE GOVERNMENT AND THE COMMUNISTS TO-MORROW.

THE WAR-TIME CAPITAL AWAITED FOR SOME FORMAL ANNOUNCEMENT FROM GENERAL GEORGE C. MARSHALL, THE GOVERNMENT AND THE COMMUNIST NEGOTIATORS. NOTHING HAS COME FROM THEM SINCE MARSHALL EMERGED FROM THE SESSION YESTERDAY AND ANNOUNCED "WE HAVE MADE PROGRESS."

A spokesman for the Democratic League said it had been announced by Communist sources that the order would not include Manchuria where Government troops are now moving in by land and air. He reported the Communists have agreed to this proposal.

The truce committee, with General Marshall presiding, conferred for about three hours again this morning apparently without reaching a final result. Marshall appeared in good humour as he left the meeting but declined to make any comment.

General Chou En-lai, Communist representative, said only that he hoped the three would finish their work this afternoon.

General Chang Chun, governor of Szechwan Province and Government representative, said only: "We are meeting again this afternoon."

SINKIANG SETTLEMENT

Meanwhile, the Central Government has announced a settlement in Sinkiang, north-western province bordering Russia, where a group of dissidents had been clamouring for autonomy.

General Chang Chi-chung, special Government envoy, said on his return to Chungking that a formal agreement was signed on January 2 at Tihwa, Sinkiang.

Delegates from Tihwa in the north-west part of the province where the revolt broke out last November 7 signed for the dissidents. The agreement will be effective, he said, as soon as it is ratified by the Central Government. Chang expressed the hope it would provide a solid foundation for a durable peace in Sinkiang. Chang expressed thanks for the help given him by the Soviet Consul-General at Tihwa on orders from Moscow.—Associated Press.

RUMANIA'S CABINET

Bucharest, Jan. 8. Rumania's four-month government ended today with the appointment by King Michael of two new Cabinet Ministers.

The appointments have broadened the Cabinet in compliance with the Moscow Foreign Ministers' agreement.

The action may permit the United States and Britain to join Russia in recognition of the government.—Associated Press.

London, Jan. 8. The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Fisher, will visit Canada to attend the General Synod to be held in March.—Reuter.

NOW IT CAN BE TOLD H.K. Naval Officer's D.S.C. Award

CITATIONS ANNOUNCING AWARDS FOR GALLANTRY HAVE, ON SOME OCCASIONS, FAILED TO DESCRIBE THE CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH THE DECORATION WAS WON. SUCH WAS THE CASE WHEN A YOUNG SOUTH AFRICAN NAVAL LIEUTENANT, NOW COMMANDING A MOTOR LAUNCH BASED ON HONG KONG, GAINED THE D.S.C. UNTIL NOW HIS STORY HAS ONLY BEEN WRITTEN ON THE FILES OF NAVAL INTELLIGENCE DEPARTMENT.

For, during 1943, Lieutenant Douglas Niven Miller, of Princetown, Natal, made 25 mystery trips to the French coast, gun-running, landing secret agents, rescuing stranded Allied air men.

When first attached to Intelligence, Lt. Miller experimented with small craft, intended to carry out a ferry service across the Bay of Biscay. The idea proved impracticable but was replaced by using motor gunboats which, running the gauntlet of German patrols and shore defences, landed agents and supplies for the Maquis by means of surf-boats.

There were narrow escapes from capture on many occasions. One moonless night, a gunboat, slipping quietly towards the French coast, was suddenly illuminated by a starshell and fired on by H.M.S. Black Prince, which had mistaken the ship for an E-boat. The assignment had been to pick up three agents but it was found that they had been caught by a German patrol.

LOST IN FOG

On another of the secret missions, Lt. Miller landed with supplies and three French civilians, but on the return journey with two wounded Frenchmen, escaping the Gestapo, the surf-boat became lost in a fog.

The time for the rendezvous came without the gunboat being located. The party was only picked up when the ship revealed its position by starting its engines. A clash with two German patrol vessels resulted but the gunboat succeeded in eluding the pursuers.

Lt. Miller is now commanding officer of H.M. Motor Launch 1082 which has been carrying out anti-piracy patrols in the Hong Kong area and taking part in the Canton River minesweeping.

Byrnes' Plan For Atomic Commission

Washington, Jan. 8. Secretary of State Byrnes planned to give the American delegate to the United Nations Organisation session in London the same assurances on atomic energy safeguards that he left with the nation on his departure yesterday.

Byrnes and party are due in London today. Before leaving Washington he told reporters he would call a meeting of the United States delegation to the United Nations assembly "as soon as I get there."

Byrnes yesterday sought to convince Americans at home and abroad that (1) the projected U.N.O. atomic energy commission would have no power to demand scientific information which the United States did not furnish voluntarily; (2) this country could use its veto power to block any attempt by the U.N.O. security council to take such information.

U.N.O. the council voted, with United States concurrence, to promote exchange of such information, the final decision on the extent of American participation would be made by Congress.—Associated Press.

Washington, Jan. 8. The Army, Navy and Marine Corps Board of fifty officers today started to study war-time joint operations with a view to revising the procedure for any possible future fighting.—Associated Press.

DOROTHY LAMOUR EXPECTING

Hollywood, Jan. 8. One of the ere of movie actress Dorothy Lamour's departure for hospital to have her first baby, her husband Major William Ross Howard III arrived home following his army discharge.

She said she expects her child "any day now."—Associated Press.

MAIL-BAG STOLEN FROM ARMY POST OFFICE

VALUABLE SERVICE PRINTED MAIL WAS RECOVERED BY THE TSIMSHATSUI POLICE WHEN A LARGE MAIL BAG STOLEN FROM THE ARMY POST OFFICE, 86, MODY ROAD, KOWLOON, WAS FOUND IN NO. 10, CHUNG KING ARCADE.

Three Chinese, Lai Man On, Pang King and Ng Watt, were summoned before Lt. Nigel yesterday at the Summary Military Court for the larceny of the mails.

Cpl. Jones, R.A.F. Police, testified that on Jan. 5, he was patrolling in Peking Road and saw first accused with printed matter which he identified as property of the Forces. He took up the accused and with Chinese detectives went to No. 10, Chung King Arcade and arrested the other two accused.

Marine Soberth of the Army Post Office identified the magazines and newspapers as those stolen from his office recently.

There were also some packets of cigarettes in the bag, Christmas presents sent to members of the Forces by their families.

First accused said that he bought the printed matter from the other two accused for \$1.20. He did not know it belonged to the Forces. Second and third accused said they picked the bag up in Chung King Arcade.

A Chinese detective told the Court that some of the printed matter was found on the premises of the last two accused. The case was adjourned 24 hours by Lt. Nigel.

S. I. Foster prosecuted.

TIENTSIN TAKES DIM VIEW OF REHABILITATION

The Weather

Today's forecast:—Light variable winds, fine with morning haze. Yesterday's temperature:—Maximum:—73 degrees at 2 p.m. Minimum:—55 degrees at 3 a.m.

TIENTSIN, JAN. 8. MORE THAN FIVE MONTHS AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE PACIFIC WAR, BRITISH AND ALLIED INTERESTS IN NORTH CHINA ARE NOT EVEN PARTIALLY REHABILITATED. WITH GREAT OBSTACLES YET TO BE OVERCOME AND MANY PROBLEMS STILL TO BE SOLVED, NO LESS THAN 50 PER CENT. OF BRITISH INTERESTS FROM WEIHAIEN, WHO CAME BACK AFTER 30 MONTHS' INTERNMENT FULL OF HOPE, ARE STILL ON RELIEF, WHILE SOME 50 PERCENTS ARE STILL BILLETED IN MAKESHIFT HEADQUARTERS PROVIDED BY THE RELIEF COMMITTEE, BEING UNABLE TO REGAIN THEIR FORMER RESIDENCES.

Many find themselves without a job and without hope of finding one—such as former employees of the British Municipal Council. Consequently, they are planning to join the ranks of others with no immediate prospects here, who are taking official advice to repatriate by the "Highland Chieftain," leaving sometime this month.

A total of 169 British, 129 Allied and 74 neutral nationals plan to return to Europe, awaiting themselves of the repatriation arrangements. They make up a grand total of 372 Peiping and Tientsin residents—many oldtimers, who were prominent in North China's commercial field. Those remaining are endeavouring to rehabilitate in face of many difficulties.

NO NEWSPAPERS

Merchants and industry are without finance: cost of living is mounting almost daily, and raw materials are not readily available. The British newspaper "Peking and Tientsin Times" cannot resume without stocks of newsprint, metal and finance.

While merchants run round in circles in seeking clues to lost property—much of this is at present under seal—British concerns will certainly be fewer here if and when they find themselves in a position to resume.

The well-known Taku Tux and Lighter Company has been finally liquidated after its directors sold the entire fleet to the Japanese shortly before Pearl Harbour, with payment being made in England.

Export and import houses cannot place orders until the rate of exchange is fixed and stabilised and, in the meantime, most of them serve as billets for United States Marines.

The city's leading department stores, as well as Jardine, Matheson's and Butterfield and Swire's offices, are all occupied by American military personnel. The Tientsin Press Limited, the city's leading printers and publishers, now have a neon sign reading "Press Cafe." British-owned hotels have resumed operations, but linen, cutlery and crockery are sorely depleted.

COMMISSION NEEDED

The Kailan Mining Administration is gradually coming back into its own, but so far it can attend only to moderate orders. The main difficulty is transportation.

In view of the difficulty that Allied merchants and industrialists here have been experiencing in their efforts to recover their stocks, the feeling is growing that a strong Allied Commission is an urgent necessity.

Through such a commission, these merchants feel they could arrange to examine the machinery and goods presently stored in the sealed houses with a view to identification.—Reuter.

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WATERLOO ROAD ARMED MEN'S HAUL

A formidable display of fire-arms resulted in a haul of H.K.\$24,000 and a large quantity of jewellery and clothing when robbers ransacked No. 9, Waterloo Road, first floor, at 8 p.m. last night.

Luong Yuen, aged 38, a travelling trader, was attacked with a chopper and wounded about the hands and feet, when he refused to hand over the keys of a safe on the premises.

In all, eleven men took part in the robbery. Three were armed with automatic pistols, three with Mausers and four with revolvers. Only one of the robbers spoke during the robbery and that in the Shun Tak dialect.

All the robbers appeared to be labourers and were young. They gained entrance to the flat by knocking and were admitted by one of the occupants. On entering, they immediately rounded up the occupants at the pistol point. The premises were thoroughly searched and ransacked.

The value of the jewellery and clothing has not yet been ascertained.

Police are making investigations.

KOWLOON RESERVOIR WARNING

BECAUSE OF THE DANGER OF SOIL EROSION DUE TO THE CUTTING DOWN OF TREES AND TREE-ROOTS, THE ADMINISTRATION HAS DECIDED TO ADOPT STRINGENT MEASURES TO PREVENT ANY FURTHER WOOD BEING REMOVED FROM THE KOWLOON RESERVOIR AREA.

SECRET GERMAN AMBITIONS

Capitalists' Plan For An Economic Empire

Scheme To Regain Power

BERLIN, JAN. 8. A SECRET MEMORANDUM WHICH EXPOSES THE AMBITIONS OF AT LEAST A SECTION OF GERMAN CAPITALISTS TO REGAIN POWER AND BUILD AN ECONOMIC EMPIRE BEHIND THE BACKS OF THE OCCUPATION AUTHORITIES HAS BEEN FOUND BY THE AMERICAN AUTHORITIES IN BERLIN.

THE DOCUMENT, DATED SEPTEMBER 8, 1945, WAS FOUND IN THE PERSONAL FILES OF HANS HERCHEMEYER, EX-CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SCHERING A. G. GERMANY'S SECOND LARGEST CHEMICAL TRUST.

It was addressed to Berchemeyer's fellow directors and, according to one of the American officials who made the discovery, "shows clearly how German industrialists are manoeuvring and biding their time, hoping to outwit the Allies."

"I maintain," said this official before leaving for Washington where he has been recalled by the Treasury Department at his own request, "that many of the measures have been taken for the break-up of German industry. Financiers and industrialists are being handed with kid gloves and are taking every advantage behind our backs to form a huge reconstruction project."

Berchemeyer's memorandum told the Directors they could not afford to wait until the occupation of Germany, which might last for years, had passed and presented a scheme for Schering A. G. to take over the lead in Germany's chemical industry from I. G. Farben.

ALL SORTS OF OPPORTUNITIES

"I am of the opinion that once I. G. Farben has lost its private character and once its plants have been broken up they will gradually lose the lead on us," the memorandum stated.

"I can see all sorts of opportunities for us. Perhaps a merger with part of the I. G. Farben is also possible so that we could derive advantages from the results of their research."

Berchemeyer went on to express the opinion that reconstruction in the West will not

be speedy and to give an urgent warning that the firms and properties must not be liquidated until a stabilisation of Germany currency was effected. Under no circumstances must gold be changed into paper.

In the meantime, Berchemeyer advised, they must work with credits and with cash received from sales.

"In perhaps three years we will again be able to show a profit," he predicted. "Then there only remains the question of so greatly undervaluing our capital that our shares will show good premium."

OFFER TO DUPONT

"After that we should try to get in touch with Dupont and offer Dupont approximately one third of our share capital at a good exchange and make available to them our patents, experience and discoveries for a moderate licence payment and a division of the market."

If the Duponts were receptive to such an idea, the memorandum continued, Schering should try to acquire an option of five years for a greater loan against security.

"In this we would acquire the following advantages:

- (1) Protection of the American Government.
- (2) Considerable amount of foreign exchange which would provide us with the opportunity of expanding our enterprise.
- (3) Dupont would do with us in future what they did hitherto with I. G. Farben and that would be very interesting for us."

Berchemeyer told the Directors he was personally ready to travel to Washington and the Ruhr in the British Zone "to take the necessary steps for reconstruction in the west."

He went on to mention locations he considered suitable for rebuilding the firm's industry and said "it is well not to concentrate too much on one spot regarding the decisions of Tehran and Yalta—but if we try to do this carefully there will surely be no objection by the Anglo-Americans and Russians."—Associated Press.

Bulgaria Turns To Kremlin

Sofia, Jan. 8. The Bulgarian "Fatherland Front" government sought last night the guidance of Moscow in negotiations attempting to establish a broader government acceptable to Britain and the United States.

An official communique, reviewing the proposals submitted by the Socialist and Agrarian parties as the conditions upon which they would be willing to join the government, announced:

"Because the propositions of the opposition are unrealistic and beyond the friendly advice (given by Moscow), the government transmits the same to Moscow for decision."—Associated Press.

Statehood For Hawaii Not Advisable

Honolulu, Jan. 8. Mrs. Kamokila Campbell, Democratic national committee woman for Hawaii, yesterday announced her resignation in order to voice freely her objection to immediate statehood for Hawaii.

Her announcement came on the eve of the U. S. House subcommittee hearings on the formal bill of the territory to become the 49th state.

Mrs. Campbell said she objects to statehood at this time because there is a danger that Oriental segments of the population, voting as a bloc, might hold political control over the proposed state.

Proponents of statehood argue that there never has been bloc voting in Hawaii along racial or any other lines.—Associated Press.

HOUSES FOR SERVICEMEN

Durham, Jan. 8. The local authorities are to be urged to adopt a points scheme of allocation to assure fair allotment of post-war houses for service applicants when the British Labour northern conference takes place in March at Durham.

DUKE IN ENGLAND

London, Jan. 8. The Duke of Windsor returned to England yesterday on a visit described as connected with his private affairs. He was not accompanied by the Duchess of Windsor, the former Wallis Simpson.

The Duke crossed the English Channel by boat. He is scheduled to stay at Marlborough House, home of his mother, the Dowager Queen Mary.—Associated Press.

Oil Dispute Settlement Hoped For

Washington, Jan. 8. The oil industry fact finding panel, met again today with signs of an impending solution of the oldest of the many war disputes at present disturbing United States economy.

CIO (U) Workers Union struck last October for a 30 per cent wage increase. An agreement for an 18 per cent increase for the Texas Company refinery workers is recorded by the government officials as a significant achievement.

Some 400,000 workers are on strike in America. About 1,000,000 others are likely to be affected in the steel, electrical manufacturing and meat packing disputes for which they have strikes planned on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday respectively of next week.

Negotiators are hopeful that some of not all of these disputes may be settled without strike action. Presidential intervention is regarded as a remote possibility by government officials.—Associated Press.

Supreme Court Sits On Yamashita Case

Washington, Jan. 8. The United States Supreme Court today called for arguments on whether to interfere in the case of the Japanese General Tomoyuki Yamashita who is under sentence to hang for Philippine atrocities.

This is the high court's first encounter with a case of a convicted war criminal. Its decision may decide the course of other war crimes hearings in the Pacific area.

Yamashita had petitioned the Supreme Court that he be brought to Washington for hearing. Instead three United States Army lawyers who had defended him in the Manila trial had flown to Washington to represent him.

Unrra To Buy Food In Scandinavia

WASHINGTON, JAN. 8. AN U.N.R.R.A. OFFICIAL SAID TODAY THAT THE AGENCY IS INTERESTED IN BUYING FOOD IN NORWAY AND DENMARK FOR ITS EUROPEAN RELIEF WORK.

THIS CANNOT BE DONE AT PRESENT, HE SAID, BECAUSE U.N.R.R.A. IS OBLIGED TO MAKE THE PURCHASES FROM COUNTRIES WHICH ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE WITH CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION AND REHABILITATION IN GOODS OR IN MONEY.

He explained that this is independent of the contributions for the administrative expenses in which both Norway and Denmark participate.

The official said that discussions concerning purchases from Norway were proceeding at present there. He said U.N.R.R.A. had agreed to purchase whale oil in expectation of a Norwegian contribution.

U.N.R.R.A. might also be interested in buying salted and canned fish, he added.

A Norwegian diplomatic official said that the sale of whale oil also depends on allocation decisions by the combined Food Board. It would be sold by private processing companies.

In Denmark, U.N.R.R.A. would like to buy butter, bacon, meat and dried milk contingent upon the Danish contribution for relief and satisfactory agreement on prices.

Discussions between the Danish and U.N.R.R.A. authorities have been mostly carried on from Copenhagen.

One U.N.R.R.A. official said that an important factor affecting the European contribution to U.N.R.R.A. for relief was whether the U.N.R.R.A. would pay for its purchases in dollars or in pounds.

Dollar reserves of these countries were limited to the need for imports to be paid for in dollars.—Associated Press.

Japs Acquire Inferiority Complex

TOKYO, JAN. 8. THE NEWSPAPER "ASAHI" DECLARED EDITORIALY YESTERDAY THAT "IT WOULD BE HAPPIER FOR US FOR JAPAN TO BECOME A DEPENDENCY OF THE UNITED STATES" THAN "TO STARVE AS AN INDEPENDENT COUNTRY."

It added: "Isn't it true that such a thought is creeping steadily into the minds of the people? If such a trend becomes more noticeable in proportion to the acuteness of the food supply, reconstruction of Japan as a democratic country may become only a dream."

It asserted that the shocking revelation of the atrocities committed by Japanese military personnel smashed "our put-up racial superiority complex and arrogant, haughty world aggression" ideas.

As a reaction, the paper said, "a racial inferiority complex is contaminating the thought of many of our people."

Reflecting upon the atrocities, "Asahi" remarked: "We regret the start of the war, but do not regret the defeat of war."—Associated Press.

KNOW A GOOD THING

Klamath Falls, Oregon, Jan. 8. More than 3,000 persons of Japanese ancestry want to stay in the United States despite their previous renunciation of American citizenship.

This was disclosed when the Department of Justice opened hearings for those who requested opportunity to show cause why they should not be sent to Japan.

In a court hearing at San Francisco, a number will seek abrogation of previous citizenship renunciation.—Associated Press.

Praise For British Palestine Cooperation

Washington, Jan. 8. As hearings of the Anglo-American Palestine Inquiry Committee opened today, the White House issued a statement by President Truman praising the British members for their cooperation.

The President said that their agreement to the opening of the inquiry in the United States was proof of the cooperation which the President was confident would characterize the proceedings.

The Committee Secretary, Leslie Rood, announced that Bartley C. Crum, former Campaign Manager for the late Wendell Wilkie, had been appointed to fill the vacancy created by Max Gardner, who resigned.

Rood added that the first meetings would be devoted to matters affecting the conditions of Jews in Europe and the Palestinian question would be discussed afterwards.

The opening witness today, was Earl Harrison, author of a controversial report on Jews in Europe.—Associated Press.

DEMOCRACY WORKING

Manila, Jan. 8. The Editor of the "Chinese Commercial Bulletin" expressed amazement today at the freedom of comments, many profanely critical, by American soldiers last night at a mass meeting protesting on the demobilization slowdown.

He said: "This is democracy working."—Associated Press.

TO-NIGHT
DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL SERVICE ENTERTAINMENT
ENSA STAR THEATRE
PRESENTS
LYLE EVANS ("YOUR OLD FRIEND DAN") & MAE GOTT
AS GUEST ARTISTS
in
"HIGH TIME"
A CONCERT PARTY PRODUCED BY THE
NEW YORK ENSA COMMITTEE
with
KATHLEEN KIDD FRANK WADE
ROSS PRATT ERIC TREDWELL
JOAN RYAN ELVA QUINN BETTE DEEDLE
& NIGHTLY AT 7.30 P.M.
NOTE:—SERVICEMEN MAY BRING ONE CIVILIAN
GUEST EACH UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

FAR EASTERN SHIPPING AGENCIES
SAILINGS TO SHANGHAI
C. N. Co. S. S. "SHANTUNG" 13th Jan., 1945 (10 passengers)
I. C. S. N. Co. S. S. "ESANG" 17th Jan., 1945
SAILINGS TO SWATOW
C. N. Co. S. S. "WOSANG" 17th Jan., 1945
SAILING TO BANGKOK
C. N. Co. S. S. "MIL GUAI" (No cargo, No passenger) 21st Jan., 1945
VESSELS DUE
C. N. Co. S. S. "ETAPRONG" From Bangkok 9th Jan., 1945
I. C. S. N. Co. S. S. "WOSANG" 19th Jan., 1945
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AIR FORCE STAGES A PROTEST

Washington, Jan. 8. Air Force enlisted men staged a demonstration yesterday against alleged inequities in demobilization at nearby Andrews Field in Maryland.

Major X. W. Byrne, public relations officer, said between 150 to 200 air force enlisted men left their posts to protest to the Air Force Inspector and base adjutant.

They later returned to their duties.—Associated Press.

NOTICE
Will all members of the American Club now in Hong Kong, please attend an informal meeting to be held in the Club premises on Wednesday, 9th January, 1945, at 5.15 p.m., for the purpose of discussing the advisability of re-opening the Club.

S. S. CHURCH
T. B. WILSON.

Hong Kong, 7th January 1945.

BRITISH MILITARY ADMINISTRATION, HONG KONG.

NOTICE
POLICE AND PRISONS BRANCH
PUBLIC BILLIARD TABLE LICENCES
No person is permitted to keep a public billiard table unless licensed to do so under Ordinance No. 25 of 1933.
Applications for licences must be made to the Commissioner of Police without delay.
Former licences should accompany applications.
C. H. SANSOM,
Colonel C.A. (Police).
Hong Kong, 5th January, 1945.

CHENNAULT BACK IN CHINA

Shanghai, Jan. 8. Maj. Gen. Chennault, famed leader of the "Flying Tigers" in China, arrived here by air from the United States yesterday and emphatically denied he would supervise a training programme for the Chinese air force, as "hat" been rumoured. He said nobody had offered him such a job.

The retired general said however he was prepared to make a survey of post-war trade and business possibilities in China, but had no plans to enter business in China himself.—Associated Press.

U.S. PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL

Chicago, Jan. 8. For the first time since it became a major professional circuit many years ago, the 25-year-old National Football League will have real competition next fall. The challenge comes in the form of the All-American conference, owners and coaches conceded their meeting.

The new conference was considered lightly when it started, but lately it has snatched the pro football spotlight with plenty of players under contract, stadiums to play in, and plenty of financial backing.

Eastern teams in the circuit are New York, Brooklyn, Buffalo, and Miami. The westerners are Cleveland, Chicago, San Francisco, and Los Angeles, thereby becoming the first league to play from the nation's four major cities. A statement from the league's president said:

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In Defence Of Reuter
Mike Jacobs Calculates The Shekels

New York, Jan. 8. Mike Jacobs, the leading American boxing promoter, thinks that there is a great future in television boxing matches. In his words, it is a "really big thing for boxing," and he believes that in the future all championship bouts will draw more from their television counts than from the stadium box office.

This is why Jacobs is hesitating about fixing up the world heavyweight fight next June, between Joe Louis, the reigning champion, and Billy Conn, in New York City. He is waiting to see how the television market will develop. He says that if it does, he will be able to make a fortune out of it.

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NAVY CRICKET

Good news for the New York Navy Club, which won the annual American Amateur Union's cross-country championship, covering 10,000 metres (just over six miles) in 31 minutes 14 seconds. The course was a treacherous one, one to ice and snow.

INTERNATIONAL SOCCER

Vienna, Jan. 8. Austria beat France 4-1 in Vienna in the first international match between the two countries since the war.

AUSTRALIAN COMMENT

Sydney, Jan. 8. Mr. Rupert A. Henderson, Chairman of the Australian Associated Press in a statement today on the charges against Reuters News Agency in the United States State Department document said that they showed a "need for closer understanding of the functions and the sources of world news."

He said, however, that as a result of the unjustified allegations "there may be left in the public mind a residual doubt which must be removed by the cause of world understanding and world peace."

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"The answer to the State Department to withhold public circulation of Dr. MacMahon's unhappy publication, Reuter appended a long statement by Mr. Christopher Chancellor, General Manager of Reuters, refuting the charges. His statement is backed by newspaper executives in three continents."

"For further backing, Americans need only take a look at the press of India. There Reuter's Service is paramount. In that country, politically conscious press could not afford to ignore news on behalf of British Imperial policy, compete for five minutes with American agencies, which are now scrambling for a share of that enormous market for news?"—Reuter.

15 STILL UNBEATEN

New York, Jan. 8. Already pared down to 15 teams, the fast dwindling ranks of major, unbeaten college basketball enter one of the busiest weeks of the season's competition.

Among the still unbeaten teams, rated close to the top, are Wyoming, Indiana, Iowa, Notre Dame, Cornell, Tulane and Yale. The Wyoming Cowboys currently are ranked number one in the nation after their successful tour of the east.—Associated Press.

R.A.F. SOCCER TEAM

Royal Air Force football team to meet Navy "B" in the League on Sunday at King's Park will be chosen from the following: Procter, Lennox, Hughes, Pritchard, Dawn, Smith, Snowhill, Morrison, Boyd, Sinclair, Hall, Stokes, Brooks, and Swinford.

STILL PLAGUED

New York, Jan. 8. Gil Dodds, one of America's greatest midgets who has left the track for the pulpit, is still plagued by youngsters for his autobiography.

GAMBIANS RETURN

Bathurst, Jan. 8. The "Empire Pride," which left India on Dec. 19 with the First Battalion of the Gambian Regiment, which took part in the Burma Campaign, arrived at Bathurst this morning.

Disembarkation will take place to-morrow, and a parade through streets of the gaily decorated town will follow.—Reuter.

Kansas City, Jan. 8. Tony Zale, world's middleweight champion, has returned to ring warfare after four years in the Navy and last night knocked out Robby Gibb, of Buffalo, New York, in the fourth round.—Associated Press.

Dempsey To Promote In A Big Way

New York, Jan. 8. Jack Dempsey, former world champion, who is interested in a new American concern to televise boxing, will soon be in conference with Fox Film officials for a plot of ground to erect a new boxing arena in New York.

It is planned to build a three-story building at a cost of \$200,000 in the heart of the city's night club district to compete with Madison Square Garden. It will hold 11,000.

The proposed site is behind the large Roxy Cinema on Seventh Avenue, New York City.

Max Waxman, business manager for Dempsey, told Reuter that the new arena would be the headquarters of the newly formed Boxing Promoters of America Incorporation, and the new television concern of which Dempsey is president, with a yearly salary of over \$50,000.

Financial interests behind the scheme want Dempsey to open another restaurant on the front of the building. Dempsey already runs a large restaurant on Broadway.

Reuter.

London, Jan. 8. After the synthetic golf ball comes the synthetic golf club. Its appearance is due to the shortage of three important materials: pure rubber, leather and the wood of the persimmon tree.

An ordinary driver has a per-sonal head, steel shaft and grip made from rubber or leather. Steel shafts are produced in Britain but persimmon grows in the United States on the bank of the Mississippi River, while pure rubber and leather are practically unobtainable.

A British firm which has been experimenting for some time with plastic golf balls has now produced two sample synthetic clubs, a driver with a head made from plastic material and another with a head constructed from compressed wood. Each has a steel shaft with a grip of plastic material. Both are easy to swing and in appearance conform to standard requirements. The only difference is that the plastic head by sound and feel is not as good as the compressed wood model because the latter retains some of the "liveliness" of wood whereas the plastic head is unresponsive to impact.—Reuter.

Wellington Barracks Theft

Li Kam, 25, and Kwong Hing, 17, were charged before Mr. C. Y. Kwan yesterday with stealing 18 handkerchiefs and six tins of tobacco from Wellington Barracks on Monday.

First defendant pleaded not guilty and was discharged when the prosecution accepted the plea. Sub-inspector Fung Loi said that at about 5 p.m. on Monday, the younger accused was working at the back of a lorry which was transporting goods out of the barracks. A gunny sack containing six tins of tobacco was found among rubbish near the lorry. Accused, who was in the vicinity was searched, and the handkerchiefs were found in his possession.

Accused said he was earning \$1.50 a day for his work, and it was hard to live on the wages. Sentence of four weeks' hard labour was imposed.

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Hunt For Nazi Loot Brings Small Returns

Japan Closed To Business For Some Time

Tokyo, Jan. 8.—The door to Japan will probably remain closed to American business for many months to come, yet Allied authorities declared today.

Unlike the situation in the European theatre, no policy has been established to permit representatives of American or Allied trade and manufacturing concerns in Japan.

"This is not the time for business," stated one of the word banking firms. "The Japanese yen is not stabilized, there is a critical shortage of housing facilities. More important, he added, 'there is no foreign exchange, no provision for getting dollars back to the United States. American business would have to do a business and there is no profit at 1 to 1.2, the said, which is the fixed occupation exchange rate."

Beyond all other considerations, the question of reparations was considered a key to the economic future of Japan. From a neutral standpoint, Ambassador Edwin A. Paoli, Chairman of the Reparations Commission, has indicated that the United States can expect little gain.

Japanese economy, consequently, is an uncertain and indefinite factor. The country is still to be informed of how much of its factory facilities will be transferred to the Japanese. China and Korea and how it is expected to pay war damages when the yen is worthless as such.

Allied aid critics said it will be futile for American business to be reinstated in Japan as long as the Japanese business structure is unstable. When will it be established? Headquarters does not pretend to know. Associated Press.

And The Egg Came From Canada

(By Dewitt Mackenzie).

LONDON, JAN. 8.—WHEN I RETURNED TO MY HOTEL ROOM YESTERDAY AFTERNOON I FOUND A HEN'S EGG CAREFULLY CRADLED ON THE PEN TRAY OF MY WRITING TABLE. BUT WITHOUT RHYME, REASON OR EXPLANATION OF WHERE IT CAME FROM.

MY FIRST THOUGHT WAS THAT SOMEONE—LIKE THE DISTAFF SIDE OF THIS PARTNERSHIP—WAS PLAYING A JOKE ON ME. AFTER ALL, AN EGG IS A MOST UNUSUAL THING FOR A GENTLEMAN TO FIND ON HIS WRITING TABLE IN ONE OF LONDON'S ELITE HOTELS.

On examination, however, there was the number of our room pencilled in big figures across the white shell, and on the other side was a green stamp, saying the egg came from Canada.

Then suddenly I remembered fresh eggs are so scarce in England that, while the ration varies, the Briton and visitors are lucky to get one or two a month, the rest being in the form of egg powder. So this was either Mrs. Mac's egg, or mine, and the other would be along in due course.

Well, I went about my business, but that egg haunted me. Surely I kept saying to myself, there's a story somewhere in it for this column. It worried me so much I enlisted Mrs. Mac's aid and we went in search of an answer, which we finally got from a special police constable and his young wife, who invited us to their home.

EGG CONUNDRUM

They live in a tiny, three-room apartment with their school-age daughter. The wife works in an office and their combined income is about \$30 a week. Throughout the years of bombing they slept in a concrete bunker in their back yard, for they were in the heavy danger-zone and their house was damaged numerous times. The constable, "Mick," his wife called him, is the good sturdy beef-cutting (when he can get it) type—a man of action and few words. The wife, "Lou," is smart and does the talking for the family, and so it was she who answered when I asked for her reaction to my egg conundrum.

"Well," she replied, "my immediate reaction is that you've found a jewel. That egg is a wonderful meal. You can't imagine how we treasure eggs, with our short and monotonous rations. It's been tough going, especially since lend-lease stopped and cut us off from tinned meat" (and she gave me a reproachful look).

"Was there ever any time when you were hungry and couldn't get food?" I asked.

"No," said "Lou" with a shake of her head. "We never have gone

ZURICH, JAN. 8.—THE BRITISH AND AMERICAN AUTHORITIES HAVE SO FAR SUCCEEDED IN RECOVERING ONLY A TINY FRACTION OF THE IMMENSE QUANTITY OF LOOT TAKEN BY THE NAZIS FROM OCCUPIED COUNTRIES AND SCATTERED THROUGHOUT EUROPE AS WELL AS FURTHER AFIELD.

MOREOVER, ACCORDING TO DR. PHILIPP ROSSIEZ, LEGAL COUNSELLOR AND SPECIAL PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE POLISH GOVERNMENT FOR FINANCIAL AFFAIRS, WHO HAS BEEN ENTRUSTED WITH THE TASK OF SECURING THE SEQUESTRATION AND REPARATION OF POLISH PROPERTY STOLEN BY THE NAZIS AND TRANSFERRED TO OTHER COUNTRIES, MUCH LOOT HAS ELUDED THE ALPHAS OWING TO THE METHODS THEY HAVE USED.

"The present position is very unsatisfactory," he told me. "The Nazis hid the loot with their characteristic thoroughness and it will require far more subtle tactics than mere demands to the neutral Governments to find it again."

"Much of the funds and valuables we are looking for in neutral countries have long ago been transferred to non-Germany who are not on any record and who are now sitting tight until the hunt is over. The neutral authorities themselves can do little about it. As soon as it became apparent that lawyers would be made to divulge their clients' secrets, the clients' lawyers covered their tracks."

"In Switzerland, for instance, when the Allies demanded the raising of bank secrecy, the private deposit safes were emptied of their 'wanted contents.' The banks themselves had no power to prevent this until several months later, the safes were officially declared 'blocked.' Thus, the Swiss Clearing Office, which is empowered to order the breaking open of these safes if the person who hired it does not surrender his key, is finding most of the cupboards bare. The

GIGANTIC TASK

Poland is the first of the United Nations to take action independently of Britain and the United States for the recovery of her stolen property. Among the first formal steps taken in this connection was an official request to the Swiss Government for the sequestration of all Polish assets looted by the Germans and transferred to Switzerland.

Dr. Rossie's own task is gigantic. He estimates that during the German occupation, Poland was robbed of goods worth thousands of millions of pounds sterling. These are now widely dispersed in Europe and numerous countries outside Europe and he has to track them down and effect their repatriation. The difficulties of his task are increased by the fact that it should have been started months ago.—Reuter.

hunkery, but the awful sameness of the few things we can buy is depressing. It gets one down."

So we talked along about rations, which in all conscience are tough, and finally I asked if the egg gave her any other thought. She was quick, was "Lou," for she whipped an evening newspaper from a table and held it up so that I could see a banner headline right across the top of the front page. It proclaimed "more food, clothes by spring," and was based on the success of the new Anglo-American loan negotiations.

"That's the brightest news we've had since the war ended," she said. "It's what we've been waiting for and longing for."

"Is that what the loan means to the average working man and woman in England?" I asked.

NEED A RELIEF

"Yes," she nodded vigorously. "We are interested in relief from this hard life. It's not only the shortage of food, but of all necessities. All clothing, and especially shoes, are frightfully hard to get. You have to hunt for weeks sometimes to find what you need."

"A man can't have any new clothing, because he gives all his precious coupons to his wife and family. 'Mick' made us a new clothing coupon, because they go to our daughter and me."

She laughed, and one could see that she was exaggerating a bit. But at that, "Mick" does very well indeed in his constable's uniform. He can spare some of his coupons. "Well, then, what will be the effect of this loan on relations between your country and mine?" I asked.

"Good," she exclaimed without hesitation. "You know, we were feeling pretty sore about the stoppage of lend-lease. We thought the people of America didn't want to help us any more. We didn't understand. But now everything is all right again, and the feeling in England will be better."

"Well, 'Lou' made us a 'dish' of tea, and we headed back to our hotel and the long egg, with the feeling that she had given us a very shrewd appraisal of the position. That Canadian egg, by the way, goes to 'Lou'. — Associated Press.

CONGRESS FIDGETS American Soldiers' Protest Stirs Activity

Seattle As Trade Zone

Washington, Jan. 8.—The Department of Commerce today it will be highly desirable to establish a foreign trade zone at the port of Seattle, Washington.

Seattle was the national gateway to the Orient and it is believed that foreign trade zones will be established in the main Pacific ports when facilities are available.—Associated Press.

Zionist Call To Withdraw

Jerusalem, Jan. 8.—The Jewish National Convention here has passed a resolution calling on the United States Zionist Emergency Council to "withdraw from any participation in the Anglo-American Palestine Inquiry Committee."

The resolution said that the Zionist movement, having had bitter experience with British Palestine commissions, had hesitated to participate in the proceedings of the new committee, but finally agreed to present the Zionist position.

The resolution further said that Zionists can have no confidence that the British Government would carry out any recommendations favourable to the immigration into Palestine which the committee might make.—Reuter.

British Recognition Of Austria

Washington, Jan. 8.—The United States, Russia, Britain and France joined today in recognizing the government of Austria. The United States expressed hope that the first nation engulfed by Nazi Germany soon would achieve democracy and complete independence.

The Vienna regime is headed by Chancellor Leopold Figl and President Karl Renner. Recognition does not affect the authority of the Allied council which will continue to carry out "Allied objectives in Austria."

Simultaneous announcements from the recognizing powers said the objectives include "eliminating Nazi influences and institutions in Austria and assisting in reconstruction of democratic life." As the objectives are achieved, the statement added, it is hoped "large scale reduction may be made in the number of occupation troops of the four states."—Associated Press.

Keen Jockeying For Power In Japan

Tokyo, Jan. 8.—The Japanese press today reported extensive jockeying for power among political parties in the wake of General MacArthur's directives, highlighted by a sharp exchange of public statements by spokesmen for the Social Democrats and Communists.

Responsible Allied observers expressed the opinion that the Allied Headquarters disqualification of prominent ultra-nationalists from candidacy in the forthcoming election would not destroy the more powerful political machines.

They said it would broaden the field for the independents, but influential machines and some discredited men working behind the scenes would be highly important in the current campaign.

Meanwhile, the press reported that the newly organized Japan Cooperative Party might challenge more established parties. The new organization's platform includes advocacy of the establishment of farmers' cooperatives, streamlining the Imperial Court machinery and "scientific birth control."

COMMUNIST POLICY

The Communists have renewed their plans for a "joint front" with the Social Democrats in a statement sharply criticizing the Socialist "reactionary leadership." The statement demanded that Socialists desist from the "democratic movement" spearheaded by the Party and join the Communists.

The Socialist leader Totoku

A NOMINAL FINE

For possession of two tins of milk, one tin of tobacco, one tin and 24 packets of cigarettes, all marked as Military Stores, Wan Cho was charged before Lt. Nigel yesterday by Inspector Drury, who testified that accused was arrested in Arxley Street on Monday.

Accused said that he bought the goods from hawkers and they were not intended for sale. The goods were ordered to be confiscated and accused was ordered to pay a nominal fine of \$5.

SHOES AT LAST

London, Jan. 8.—The Controller of Footwear said today that civilian boot and shoe production would show a steady and consistent rise.

France was "considerably brighter than appeared possible last autumn," with civilian production in October touching the highest for over three years, and November was even better.—Reuter.

Demands For Investigation

WASHINGTON, JAN. 8.—AMERICAN SOLDIERS' EMPHATIC AND DEMONSTRATIVE PROTESTS AROUND THE WORLD AGAINST DEMOBILISATION POLICIES GOT CONGRESS STEAMED UP TODAY.

AS THE DOUGHBOYS DEMONSTRATED IN THE PACIFIC, IN EUROPE AND RIGHT OUTSIDE THE CAPITOL AT ANDREW'S FIELD AT THE SLOW-DOWN IN THE ARMY'S DEMOBILISATION PROGRAMME, THESE CONGRESSIONAL REPERCUSSIONS FOLLOWED:

First, demands were made for a congressional investigation of the entire programme, as requested by 12,000 American soldiers in a resolution adopted in Manila.

Second, there is a possibility of a rush of signatures when Congress reconvenes next week to a House petition that would force immediate action on demobilisation legislation.

There was a strong probability the House military committee would order an investigation or informal inquiry. Letters, telegrams and petitions demanding action were piling up in committee files.

"MUST DO SOMETHING"

One member commented privately that because this is a congressional election year, "they are likely to receive some attention."

Representative Short, Missouri Republican, a committee member, declared: "We should do something about it."

Citing figures on occupation needs, enlistments, education and army strength, Short told reporters he could not understand "why the Army was to delay demobilising high point men."

Senator Johnson, Colorado Democrat, asserted in an interview: "Congress should get right on top of this situation. It should get facts and figures."

Associated Press.

NOT A BUNCH OF KIDS

Washington, Jan. 8.—Congressman Maury Maverick, who has just returned from a six-week Pacific tour, today predicted more American soldiers' protests "unless the Government tells them why they are out there." He said, "We cannot treat our soldiers like a bunch of kids. They are grown up men. They should be told what our military foreign policy is and why they are needed."

He emphasized he believed "the situation in the Far East demands a slower demobilization and not a faster one." He added: "But we are setting psychological demobilization among our troops because they are not getting news and information from the Government. They are entitled to it."—Associated Press.

HIGH TIME OPENS AT STAR

Items from big musical revues in New York and London, "Carousal" by Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II, and "Song of Norway" by Edward Grieg, are a feature of the current attraction at the Ensa Star Theatre, Kowloon, which opened last night.

The show is put on by Canadian and Australian artists and is of a high level of entertainment throughout, though an outstanding number is the playing of the Warsaw Concerto and Chopin Selections by Ross Pratt, who was solo pianist with the B.B.C. Orchestra under Sir Henry Wood.

The highest quality is also achieved by Joan Ryan, mezzo-soprano, and Eric Tredwell, tenor, who sing duets from "Bliss Sweet," "Song of Norway" and "Carousal."

Robert Nathan's Opinion

Washington, Jan. 8.—Robert Nathan, former United States Government economist, told the Anglo-American Commission that Palestine easily could absorb 100,000 more Jews in six months.

He said half the Jews in Europe want to settle there. He acknowledged that Arab-Jewish relations now are bad and might become worse with an additional influx of Jews.

Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz of New York testified that 600,000 of 1,200,000 Jews left in Europe, outside of Russia, had no chance for a decent life unless they left home, and Palestine is almost their only hope. He said it is unlikely that other nations will open their doors to them.—Associated Press.

Nimitz Wants Constant Standby

Washington, Jan. 8.—Fleet Admiral William Nimitz today said: "All of us must work under the assumption that any emergency is imminent."

In an address prepared for his class at the Army Industrial College, he said that in the recent war "great morale and strength enabled us to fight a delaying action which afforded us precious time to produce for our recovery."

"But even a valiant delaying action may not afford us sufficient time to arm ourselves fully in the event of another war and, to that end, it is imperative that the country's fighting services, non-military government agencies, industrial elements and people in general work plan more closely together than ever before."

"Plans must be so well developed that they can be put into operation literally overnight. I urge you to keep this dominant factor of time before you constantly."

He told the students their job was to "work out ways to eliminate wasteful conflicts in the procurements and purchase of supplies, between armed forces and between subordinate activities within the same department."

"Needless to say, the Navy Department supports a joint and common procurement in all cases where it is more economical and simple." — Associated Press.

RACE ACROSS JEHOI

— Chungking, Jan. 8.—A press dispatch received here today reported that Government troops have raced more than a third way across the waist of Jehoi, disputed Northern province between Manchuria and Inner Mongolia.

The account said the troops had entered Kelaping, 75 miles west of where they crossed into Jehoi from western Manchuria.

The dispatch further said that 50 miles to the south-west there was a Nationalist column within sight of Lingyuan, railroad town seventy miles north-west of Changteh, the Communist-occupied provincial capital of southern Jehoi. There was no indication that the Nationalist troops met any resistance.—Associated Press.

Washington, Jan. 8.—General Tom Clark today lifted war-time regulations governing certificates of identification for alien enemies.—Associated Press.

Naval Officer Gets Severe Sentence

A YOUNG BRITISH NAVAL OFFICER, MENTIONED IN DESPATCHES FOR HIS PART IN A CROSS-CHANNEL RAID HAS BEEN SENTENCED TO NINE MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT AND DISMISSED THE SERVICE BY A NAVAL COURT-MARTIAL AT PULAU BLAKAND MATI, OFF SINGAPORE.

The officer, Lieut. James Edmund Hulme, a radar officer, attached to the Special Branch, R.N.V.R., was found guilty of stealing a motor cycle and a quantity of motor car and motor-cycle tyres and rims in Singapore between Oct. 11 and Oct. 30. He was acquitted of two other charges involving the theft of a motor car from a dump and of sale of 20 tins of duty free cigarettes to a Chinese.

On the charges of which he was convicted, the prosecution's case was that he had (a) found a motor cycle lying by the roadside and removed it to a garage without any authority to do so; and (b) removed, also without authority, a quantity of motor tyres and rims from various dumps, and sold some of the tyres to two Chinese. The prosecution stated that Hulme received \$180 from Lee and a total of \$225 from Chua for the articles.

PROSECUTION CASE

The case for the prosecution by Captain A. T. G. C. Penney, D.S.O., R.N., who claimed that abundant evidence was laid before the Court to prove the sale of civilian property improperly appropriated from the roadside and various dumps. Intent to acquire such effects of which the defendant was in improper possession, constituted in itself the legal interest aggravated by the barter transactions which ensued on a "black market" basis. "I contend that the three charges of theft, are adequately substantiated by the evidence of the witness combined with the injunction of the proclamation laid before the Court," said Captain Penney.

The proclamation referred to was B.M.A. Looting Proclamation dated Sept. 6, 1945.

BROAD DAYLIGHT

Lieut. Commander W. J. R. Campbell, R.N., who appeared for Hulme, declared that Hulme was charged with being "a thief and a liar, in broad daylight, and in good faith, with the permission in some cases of the guards, and in other cases of the owners, he took wrecked or condemned gear from dumps or from private property. In every case the gear had been abandoned by the Japanese."

In his own defence, Hulme also maintained that he asked the owner or the guard on the dump if he could take the articles, and received permission to do so. In no case did he offer any inducement.

STEEL FOR SHANGHAI

Oakland, Jan. 8.—The Iron and Steel division of the Kaiser Company here today announced that a shipment of steel and steel plate left Los Angeles on the two vessels for Shanghai.

The Company said it was the first commercial shipment of steel from the West Coast to China since the outbreak of war and would be used in China's industrial rehabilitation programme.—Associated Press.

RADIO

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12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.

1.00 p.m.—Music from the Films.

1.30 p.m.—News & Announcements.

2.15 p.m.—5th & Variety Programme.

2.40 p.m.—Gerald & the Savvy Hotel.

3.00 p.m.—Theatre.

3.30 p.m.—Glee Down.

4.00 p.m.—Mid-Town in Swing Time.

4.45 p.m.—"Serenade to the Stars"—ZBNSA.

5.00 p.m.—London Echoes—News.

5.15 p.m.—Mant' yani & His Orchestra.

5.30 p.m.—Music Time—ENSA.

6.00 p.m.—Classical Request Hour.

6.30 p.m.—London Echoes—News.

6.45 p.m.—A Dance Programme.

7.00 p.m.—Theatre.

7.15 p.m.—"Serenade to the Stars" (Repeat).

7.45 p.m.—Light Orchestra Concert with Richard Croft (Tenor).

10.00 p.m.—Compositions of Albini.

11.00 p.m.—Clash D.W.

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